GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SCHEMES FOR OLD WOMEN AND WIDOWS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for assistance to old women and widows;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) Ministry of Women and Child Development is running 'Swadhar − A Scheme for women in Difficult Circumstances' to cater to the requirements of various types of women in distress in diverse situations including destitute old women and widows. The package of services made available under the Scheme includes provision for food, clothing, shelter, health care counseling and legal support, social and economic rehabilitation through education, awareness generation, skill up gradation and behavioral training. The Scheme also supports a Help-line for women in distress. The details of Swadhar Scheme are available at the Ministry's website www.wcd.nic.in.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a)&(b) above.